

REMARKS

Applicants have carefully reviewed this Application in light of the Final Office Action mailed January 6, 2006. Claims 1, 2, 6-8, and 10-15 are pending. Claims 3-5, and 9 were previously cancelled by Applicants without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 6-8 and 12-15 are rejected. Claims 1 and 2 are objected to, and Claims 10 and 11 are allowed. Applicants amend Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, and 12-15, and respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Objections under 37 CFR 1.83(a)

The drawings were objected to for not showing every feature of the invention specified in the description under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). Specifically, PLL6. Reference numeral “6” was deleted in Figure 3 of the Replacement Sheets filed October 27, 2005. Applicants submit an amended Figure 3 which re-introduces the dotted lined box labeled “6” from the original drawing. Instead of deleting this box as presented in the response to office action, Applicants excluded the counter 15 from this box. Applicants believe that the objection of the Examiner now is overcome as Figure 3 is now in conformity with Fig. 2 and at the same time shows the PLL.

Claim Objections

Claims 1, 2 and 7 were objected to due to informalities. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 2, and 7 as recommended by the Examiner in order to overcome these rejections.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 6-8 and 12-15 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite and failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants amend Claims 6, 7, and 12-15 to overcome these rejections and respectfully request full allowance of these Claims as amended.

With respect to claim 6, Applicants corrected this claim to refer to claim 1. With respect to claim 7, Applicants included the missing reference in case the first signal is received wherein the second clock generator then adjusts the phase difference second clock

with a predetermined frequency to the first signal in steps. With respect to claims 12-15, Applicants amended these claims to substitute the term “followed by” with the term “coupled with” according to the suggestion of the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2, 10, and 11 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above remarks and amendments, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections is respectfully requested. It is further submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice of the same is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone or facsimile.

Applicants believe no fees are due at this time, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,
BAKER BOTT S L.L.P.
Attorneys for Applicants



Andreas Grubert
Limited Recognition No. L0225
Expires June 30, 2006
(Limited Recognition under 37 C.F.R. §11.9(b))

Date: March 3, 2006

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO:

BAKER BOTT S L.L.P.
CUSTOMER ACCOUNT NO. **31625**
512.322.2545
512.322.8383 (fax)